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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**CASE:** 10003528-1

**SUBJECT:** VALIDATION OF PROBABILISTIC TROUBLESHOOTERS  
AND DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS

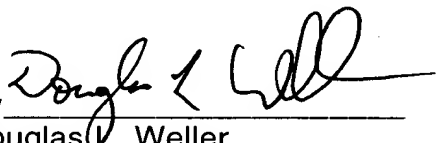
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant is herewith enclosing references which provide background information about Bayesian Networks and related technology. Applicants believe these references may be material to the examination of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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